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**INQUIRERS' CLUB**  
(Nashville, Tennessee)  
**RECORDS**  
**1911-1961**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Inquirers' Club, Nashville, Tennessee, Records, 1911-1961, have been placed on deposit in the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the Inquirers' Club, a literary club of Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure 1.68 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Inquirer's Club Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The records of the Inquirers' Club, a literary club primarily dealing with religious subjects, containing approximately 300 items and 15 volumes, are composed of minutes, 1911-1961; treasurer's books, 1911-1920, 1939-1961; a scrapbook of the Rev. J.W. Cherry's sermonettes; resolutions; programs; constitution and bylaws; a history of the Inquirers from 1911-1953; quotations from Mr. Cherry's lectures; membership lists; and forty-eight yearbooks, 1913-1961.

This club was founded May 6, 1911, by the Rev. J.W. Cherry and was disbanded in 1961. The club's programs dealt mainly with religious subjects, with a few about history, poetry, biographical studies, philosophy, and others. Included in the papers is a brief biographical sketch of the founder, the Rev. J.W. Cherry. The minutes are complete from 1911-1961 and the yearbooks are from 1913-1961.

The records were placed on deposit in the Tennessee State Library and Archives by Mrs. Archer Beasley, Nashville, Tennessee, a member of the club.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

#### **Minutes**

1. April 1911 – May 19, 1921
2. May 26, 1921 – May 3, 1928
3. May 10, 1928 – March 22, 1934

### **Box 2**

#### **Minutes**

1. March 29, 1934 – February 4, 1943
2. February 11, 1943 – February 28, 1952
3. March 6, 1952 – April 27, 1961

### **Box 3**

1. Constitution and bylaws
2. Correspondence – Osborne, Laura B., October 26, 1920
3. History of Inquirers, 1911-1953; biographical sketch of the Rev. J.W. Cherry
4. Papers – “Ancient Hebrews ... Contributions to Posterity” by Sallie N. Hooper
5. Papers – “Christ in the Poets” by J.W. Cherry
6. Papers – “Club History, 1911-1935” by Mary Armstrong Childress
7. Papers – “French Exploration in North America” by Mrs. George C. Appleby
8. Papers – “Geoffrey Chaucer”
9. Papers – “Greatness of Soul”
10. Papers – “Hymnology” by Mrs. T.J. Osborne
11. Papers – “The Ideal Life of Woman” by Mrs. McCullough
12. Papers – “Indian Philosophy” by Mrs. Joe H. Hooper
13. Papers – “The Noble Life”
14. Papers – “The Old Natchez Trace” by Mrs. Goodloe Crockett
15. Papers – “Pathos and Tragedy in Dicken’s [sic] Writings”
16. Papers – “The Potter and the Clay”
17. Papers – “Selections from R. Haweis and Edward Dickinson on Music and its Relation to Morality” by Mrs. T.J. Osborne
18. Papers – “The Sonnets from the Portuguese”
19. Papers – “Women of the Revolution”
20. Papers – “The World Tomorrow”
21. Programs, greetings, memorabilia
22. Quotations from Brother Cherry’s Lectures to the Inquirers
23. Resolutions

**Box 4**

1. Scrapbook – the Rev. J.W. Cherry's sermonettes
2. Secretary's book
3. Treasurer's book, 1911-1920, 1939-1961
4. Yearbooks, 1913-1961 (1925-1926, 1929-1930 missing)